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28 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

IN AND FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

29 CHARLES ADAMS, on behalf of himself and ) Case No. C0501973 PJH  
30 others similarly situated, )  
31 Plaintiff, ) **JOINT STIPULATION OF**  
32 v. ) **SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE**  
33 GOODMAN NETWORKS, INC.; JAMES E. )  
34 GOODMAN; JOHN A. GOODMAN; JOHN )  
35 DEBUS; JAMES E. NALLEY; ALEX BABER; )  
36 JIMMY HULETT; MIKE SMITH; SCOTT )  
37 PICKETT; and DOES 1 through 500, )  
38 Defendants. )  
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## INTRODUCTION

1. This Joint Stipulation of Settlement and Release (“Agreement”) is entered into by  
2 and between plaintiff Charles Adams (“Plaintiff”), individually and on behalf of classes of those  
3 similarly situated, on the one hand, and defendants Goodman Networks, Inc., James E.  
4 Goodman, John A. Goodman, John Debus, James E. Nalley, Alex Baber, Jimmy Hulett, Mike  
5 Smith, and Scott Pickett (“Defendants”), on the other hand, by and through their respective  
6 counsel of record. This Agreement supersedes any and all prior memoranda of understanding or  
7 proposals and accurately sets forth the parties’ settlement in the amount of One Million Dollars  
8 (\$1,000,000.00) to resolve all class, collective, and individual claims for alleged violations of the  
9 federal Fair Labor Standards Act, the California Labor Code, California Industrial Welfare  
10 Commission Orders, California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200, *et seq.*, intentional fraud  
11 and concealment, and other state wage and hour, fraud, or concealment laws, orders and  
12 regulations, as detailed below.  
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## **DEFINITIONS**

2. Plaintiff and Defendants are collectively referred to as "Parties."

16      3.     “Class Counsel,” subject to Court approval, are:

4. “Defendants’ Counsel” are:

21 William J. Dritsas  
22 Anthony J. Rao  
23 Laura J. Maechtlen  
Seyfarth Shaw LLP  
560 Mission Street, Suite 3100  
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25       5. The “Settlement Class,” subject to Court approval, consists of Plaintiff, all current  
26 and former employees of Goodman Networks, Inc. employed anywhere in the United States in  
27 the positions of NOC Engineer, Installer 1, Installer 2, Installer 3, Installer 4, Driver, Drive  
28 Tester, Cell Tech, Cell Tech 2, Engineer, Field Engineer, Field Service Engineer, FSE, FSE 1,

1 FSE 2, FSE 3, FSE 4, FSE 4A, 4A, Tester, Lead Installer, Switch Engineer, Switch Technician,  
2 and Technician, at any time during the relevant Claims Periods set forth below:

3       a.      Under applicable state laws, excluding those current or former employees  
4                    who opt-out of or exclude themselves from this state subclass:  
5                  (i)     In all states in the United States (other than Alaska, Arizona,  
6                           Idaho, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New  
7                           Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, and  
8                           Wyoming wherein employees did not work) and in the District of  
9                           Columbia, except for California, Florida, Hawaii, Kentucky,  
10                          Maine, Nebraska, Oregon, and New York: April 8, 2002 through  
11                          December 28, 2005 (“General State Claim Period”).  
12                  (ii)    In California and Nebraska: April 8, 2001 through December 28,  
13                          2005 (“California and Nebraska Claim Period”).  
14                  (iii)   In Florida and Kentucky: April 8, 2000 through December 28,  
15                          2005 (“Florida and Kentucky Claim Period”).  
16                  (iv)    In Hawaii, Maine, New York and Oregon, April 8, 1999 through  
17                          December 28, 2005 (“Hawaii, Maine, New York, and Oregon  
18                          Claim Period”).  
19        b.      Under the FLSA, excluding those current or former employees who do not  
20                    opt-in to the FLSA class:  
21                  (i)     April 8, 2002 through December 28, 2005 (“FLSA Claim Period”).

22 An individual who falls within the state subclass and does not opt-out or exclude him/herself is a  
23 Settlement Class member for purposes of this Agreement and the release provisions of this  
24 Agreement even if he or she does not opt-in to the FLSA class.

25       6.      The “Class Representative,” subject to Court approval, is Charles Adams, who  
26 has been designated class representative for the Settlement Class, and is a member of the  
27 Settlement Class.  
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1       7.     The "Effective Date" is the date on which this Agreement becomes effective:  
2 following entry of final order by the Court approving this Agreement and after the appeal period  
3 runs and any appeals are resolved.

4       8.     "Settlement Administrator," subject to Court approval, is:

5              Gilardi & Co. LLC  
6              3301 Kerner Blvd.  
7              San Rafael, California 94901  
8              (415) 461-0410  
9              fax (415) 461-0412

10      9.     The "Wage Action" is a civil action pending in the United States District Court  
11 for the Northern District of California, Case No. C0501973 PJH, entitled Charles Adams v.  
12 Goodman Networks, Inc., James E. Goodman, John A. Goodman, John Debus, James E. Nalley,  
13 Alex Baber, Jimmy Hulett, Mike Smith, and Scott Pickett.

## 14              **LITIGATION BACKGROUND**

15      10.    Plaintiff filed the Wage Action on April 8, 2005 alleging wage and hour  
16 violations under the FLSA and California law, unfair competition (California Business and  
17 Professions Code section 17200), and fraud and concealment. Defendants answered the  
18 complaint in state court on May 12, 2005, and removed the case to federal court based on federal  
19 question jurisdiction (FLSA). The case was assigned for all purposes to Judge Phyllis Hamilton.  
20 Plaintiff's proposed class in his complaint consists of: "all non-exempt employees of Goodman  
21 who were employed by Goodman to work for Goodman's clients in the telecommunications  
22 industry as temporary employees, and who were entitled to, but not paid, overtime wages for  
23 work that they performed on an hourly or piece-work basis at any time during the last four  
24 years." Plaintiff's complaint states "the members of the plaintiff class were hired by Goodman  
25 to perform non-exempt work as electronic technicians, which work consisted of various kinds of  
26 duties, including without limitation, switching out equipment, upgrading networks, installing  
27 systems for e911, installing and maintaining electronic components or systems, installing  
28 switching systems, and providing many other types of labor and services for Goodman's clients  
in the telecommunications industry." The complaint encompasses employees working in

1 Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii,  
 2 Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts,  
 3 Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina,  
 4 Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas,  
 5 Virginia, Washington, West Virginia and Wisconsin, and in the District of Columbia. The Wage  
 6 Action seeks recovery of unpaid wages, overtime wages, penalties, interest, attorneys' fees and  
 7 costs, and injunctive relief. The complaint sets forth claims for:

- 8           a.       Unpaid overtime (over 40 hours per week, or 8 hours per day depending  
                  on the state at issue);
- 9           b.       Unpaid or untaken meal and rest periods;
- 10          c.       Unpaid travel time;
- 11          d.       Unpaid waiting and unrecorded time;
- 12          e.       Failure to maintain and furnish employees with proper wage records;
- 13          f.       Failure to timely pay all wages due upon discharge;
- 14          g.       Unfair competition under Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200, *et seq.*;
- 15          h.       Fraud; and,
- 16          i.       Concealment.

17         11.      During the pendency of the Wage Action, Class Counsel and Defendants'  
 18 Counsel vigorously investigated the claims against Defendants. As part of the investigation, on  
 19 or about the time Federal Rule 26 disclosures were made, Defendants voluntarily produced wage  
 20 records of 15 randomly chosen putative class members. Thereafter, Defendants provided wage  
 21 records for 15 additional putative class members chosen by Plaintiff's counsel. The wage  
 22 records included, but were not limited to, hourly rate information, employment position, state in  
 23 which the employment occurred, daily time sheets, dates of hire and discharge, piece rate wages  
 24 and information, personnel files, wage stubs, and other wage records. In addition, Defendants'  
 25 Counsel interviewed corporate representatives who had knowledge of the facts and provided  
 26 information to Class Counsel. The Parties agreed the production of thousands of pages of wage  
 27 records related to the claims asserted on behalf of the putative class would facilitate meaningful

1 and productive settlement discussions prior to engaging in formal certification or class discovery,  
2 and engaging in the certification process. Class Counsel has reviewed and analyzed all of the  
3 wage records provided and other information produced by Defendants relating to the putative  
4 class.

5       12. Certain claims, demands and differences exist between the Parties, including,  
6 *inter alia*, Plaintiff's contention that Defendants failed to pay the Settlement Class wages due for  
7 certain time worked (including but limited to travel time, waiting time, and unrecorded time),  
8 failed to pay appropriate overtime wages, failed to provide the Settlement Class with meal and  
9 rest periods, failed to pay all wages due upon termination, failed to maintain and/or provide the  
10 Settlement Class with appropriate wage stubs or wage records, engaged in unfair competition,  
11 and committed intentional fraud or concealment against the Settlement Class.

12       13. Defendants deny any liability or wrongdoing of any kind associated with the  
13 claims alleged in the Wage Action. Defendants further contend, among other things, that they  
14 complied with the FLSA, all state wage and hour laws, and California Business and Professions  
15 Code section 17200. Defendants deny that they failed to pay the Settlement Class according to  
16 state or federal law, deny they failed to provide meal or rest periods required under state law,  
17 deny they failed to maintain or provide appropriate wage stubs or wage records, deny they  
18 engaged in unfair competition, and further deny they committed fraud and/or concealment  
19 against the Settlement Class. Plaintiff believes he has filed a meritorious action based on alleged  
20 violations of the FLSA, state wage and hour laws, California Business and Professions Code  
21 section 17200, and the torts of fraud and concealment.

22       14. After Defendants appeared in the Wage Action, and after the Parties exchanged  
23 thousands of pages of information, the Parties agreed to meet and confer over both the legal  
24 issues and the factual bases underlying Plaintiff's claims. Counsel for the Parties discussed the  
25 legal and factual issues several times via conference call and in written communications, and  
26 exchanged workplace and statistical analysis information, as well as charts with workplace  
27 information, in an extended confidential settlement process. Class Counsel analyzed the factual  
28 and statistical information and continued to discuss the legal and factual issues in this case.

1       15. After analyzing the workplace information provided, the Parties selected a highly  
2 regarded employment-law mediator, John B. Bates, Jr. of JAMS, who has participated in  
3 employment mediation and arbitration for many years, including complex wage and hour class  
4 actions.

5       16. The Parties met with Mediator Bates on December 28, 2005 in San Francisco,  
6 California (“the Mediation”). The Parties prepared comprehensive mediation statements and  
7 participated in pre-mediation conferences prior to the Mediation. During Mediation, Goodman  
8 Networks provided independent audited financial information to Class Counsel and, after hours  
9 of arms-length negotiations, the Parties agreed to settle all applicable state and federal class and  
10 collective action claims, nationwide, for \$1,000,000, inclusive of any additional compensation to  
11 be paid to the Class Representative, contributions for attorneys’ fees, costs and interest, and any  
12 other settlement costs or sums, except the cost of notice to the Settlement Class and the cost of  
13 any administration of Settlement Class claims. The costs of notice and administration will be  
14 borne by Defendants. The independent audited financial information provided at the Mediation  
15 accurately described Goodman Networks’ financial position and ability to pay the settlement.  
16 Class Counsel analyzed the audited financial information and engaged in vigorous settlement  
17 discussions with Defendants’ Counsel and Mediator Bates. Mediator Bates approved of the  
18 settlement based on his independent neutral evaluation of the case. The Parties signed a draft  
19 settlement agreement at the Mediation.

20       17. This case involves numerous complex issues of law and regulation, including  
21 application of state and federal employment standards currently at issue in appellate litigation  
22 and regulatory action. This fact, the ordinary risks and hazards inherent in ongoing litigation,  
23 and the cost of continuing to prosecute and defend the Wage Action, have led the Parties to  
24 resolve the case by way of settlement.

25       18. Class and Defendants’ Counsel represent they have conducted a thorough  
26 investigation into the facts of the Wage Action and diligently pursued an investigation of  
27 Settlement Class members’ claims against Defendants. Based on their own independent  
28 investigation and evaluation, Class and Defendants’ Counsel are of the opinion that the

1 settlement with Defendants is fair, reasonable, and adequate and is in the best interests of the  
 2 Settlement Class in light of all known facts and circumstances, including the risk of significant  
 3 delay, litigation risks, Goodman Networks' finances, and the defenses asserted by Defendants.

#### 4 JURISDICTION AND VENUE

5 19. Defendants do not challenge this Court's exercise of personal jurisdiction over  
 6 them in the Wage Action. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of the Wage Action  
 7 pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1367 and 29 U.S.C. § 216(b). Venue is proper in that a  
 8 substantial part of the events or omissions at issue arose in this judicial district. This Court will  
 9 have continuing jurisdiction over the terms and conditions of this Agreement, until all payments  
 10 and obligations contemplated herein have been fully executed. Except as set forth herein, the  
 11 Court will further have continuing jurisdiction to resolve any dispute that may arise with regard  
 12 to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

#### 13 CERTIFICATION OF FLSA COLLECTIVE ACTION AND A STATE LAW CLASS

14 20. For purposes of settling the Wage Action, the Parties stipulate and agree the  
 15 requisites for establishing class and collective action certification with respect to the Settlement  
 16 Class have been met and are met, and therefore, stipulate to class and collective action  
 17 certification for settlement purposes. More specifically, the Parties stipulate and agree that:

- 18       a.     The Settlement Class is so numerous as to make it impracticable to join all  
                   members;
- 19       b.     There is an ascertainable class;
- 20       c.     There are common questions of law and fact including, but not necessarily  
                   limited to, the following:
  - 23           (i)    whether the Settlement Class was paid all overtime worked;
  - 24           (ii)   whether the Settlement Class was entitled to and took meal and  
                   rest breaks;
  - 26           (iii)   whether the Settlement Class was paid for all non preliminary and  
                   non postliminary travel time, waiting and unrecorded time;



- a. Findings that for purposes of settlement, the nationwide FLSA group is similarly situated such that the issuance of a *Hoffman-LaRoche* notice is appropriate;
- b. Certification of a nationwide FLSA collective action;
- c. Findings that the applicable nationwide state subclass meets the requirements for class certification under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23;
- d. A deadline within 45 days of mailing of Class Notice and Claim Forms for opting in to the FLSA collective action, and filing a Claim Form in this action;
- e. A deadline within 35 days of mailing of Class Notice and Claims Forms for opting out of, or excluding oneself from, the state subclass under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23;
- f. A deadline of 35 days after mailing of Class Notice for objecting to the settlement;
- g. Appointment of the Plaintiff as class representative for the FLSA action and the state subclass;
- h. Appointment of Class Counsel as counsel for the FLSA collective action and for the state subclass;
- i. Approval of Class Notice, Claim Form, Instructions, and Consent to Join to be sent to the Settlement Class;
- j. A date for mailing the Class Notice, Claim Form, Instructions, and Consent to Join Form which is 30 days after preliminary approval of the settlement;
- k. A final date for determinations of claim amounts to be made by the Settlement Administrator which is 21 days prior to the final approval hearing.

1           In addition, Class Counsel may petition the Court for the right to send a reminder to any  
 2 Settlement Class member who has not turned in a Claim Form within the 45 days after mailing  
 3 of Class Notice. Subject to Court approval, that reminder will inform the Settlement Class  
 4 member that he/she had failed to turn in a Claim Form, and will provide a new Twenty (20) day  
 5 period allowing for him/her to submit a Claim Form.

6           22. The Parties agree that Rule 23 class certification and FLSA collective action  
 7 treatment under the terms of this Agreement are for settlement purposes only. Nothing in this  
 8 Agreement will be construed as an admission or acknowledgment of any kind that any class  
 9 should be certified or given collective treatment in the litigation of this matter or in any other  
 10 action or proceeding. In the event this Agreement is not approved by the Court, fails to become  
 11 effective, or is reversed, withdrawn or modified by the Court:

- 12           a. This Agreement shall have no force or effect;
- 13           b. This Agreement shall not be admissible in any judicial, administrative or  
              arbitral proceeding for any purpose or with respect to any issue,  
              substantive or procedural;
- 14           c. The preliminary and conditional certification of the Wage Action shall  
              automatically be null and void and the fact of it shall not be admissible in  
              any judicial, administrative or arbitral proceeding for any purpose or with  
              respect to any issue, substantive or procedural; and
- 15           d. None of the Parties to this Agreement will be deemed to have waived any  
              claims, objections, defenses or arguments with respect to the issue of class  
              or collective action certification or maintenance of the Wage Action as a  
              collective or class action.

#### 24           **TERMS OF SETTLEMENT**

25           23. It is agreed by and among the Plaintiff and Settlement Class members and  
 26 Defendants and other Releasees described in Paragraph 24 that the Wage Action and any claims,  
 27 damages, causes of action, demands, and losses, contingent or non-contingent, known or  
 28 unknown, suspected or unsuspected, that Plaintiff and Settlement Class members ever had, have,

1 or will have, arising out of the disputes or substantially similar to those asserted in the disputes  
 2 that are the subject of the Wage Action or that were or could have been asserted in the Wage  
 3 Action on or before the end of the relevant Class Period, be hereby released, settled, and  
 4 compromised as between the Plaintiff and Settlement Class members and Defendants and  
 5 Releasees, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement and the approval of the  
 6 Court.

7       24. It is the intention of the Parties that this Agreement shall constitute a full and  
 8 complete settlement and release of all claims arising from, or relating to, the Wage Action,  
 9 including, without limitation, any and all claims under state and federal law for unpaid  
 10 compensation, penalties and attorney's fees, which release shall include in its effect Defendants,  
 11 and each of their present and former affiliates, parent companies, subsidiaries, shareholders,  
 12 officers, partners, directors, employees, agents, attorneys, insurers, predecessors, successors and  
 13 assigns and each and all of their respective officers, partners, directors, servants, agents,  
 14 shareholders, employees, representatives, accountants, insurers, and attorneys, past, present, and  
 15 future, and all persons acting under, by, through, or in concert with any of them (collectively, the  
 16 "Releasees").

17       25. **Dismissal.** The Parties agree to cooperate and take all steps necessary and  
 18 appropriate to dismiss the Wage Action with prejudice to the claims of Plaintiff and all  
 19 Settlement Class members.

20       26. **Maximum Payment.** The maximum payment under this Agreement, including but  
 21 not limited to all payments to the Settlement Class, the Class Representative enhancement award,  
 22 all attorneys' fees and costs, and any other settlement sums or costs, except the cost of notice to  
 23 the Settlement Class, the cost of administration of any Settlement Class claims, and the amount  
 24 of Goodman Networks' liability for any payroll taxes due as a result of wage payments made to  
 25 the Settlement Class, shall be One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in the aggregate ("Settlement  
 26 Fund"). Other than Goodman Networks' share of taxes associated with wage payments to the  
 27 Settlement Class, under no circumstances will Defendants be required to pay more than  
 28 \$1,000,000 total, for any reason under this Agreement.

1        27. Settlement Fund. Assuming entry of final judgment has been entered dismissing  
2 Defendants with prejudice from the Wage Action, and the expiration or exhaustion of any rights  
3 of appeal therefrom, Defendants agree to pay the Settlement Fund as follows:

4            a. \$1,000,000.00 on October 1, 2006 less Court approved attorneys' fees for  
5                      Class Counsel;  
6            b. \$100,000 on October 1, 2006 for Court approved attorneys' fees for Class  
7                      Counsel;  
8            c. The balance of Court approved attorneys' fees for Class Counsel will be  
9                      paid on December 31, 2006.

10            If the Court does not approve the settlement on or before June 30, 2006, the parties may  
11            mutually agree in writing that each date set forth in subsections (a) through (c) shall be continued  
12            equivalently from the actual date of Court approval of the settlement. The Settlement  
13            Administrator will deposit the proceeds in an interest bearing account. The Settlement  
14            Administrator will draw from that account all payments to Class Counsel, the Class  
15            Representative, and eligible Settlement Class members. The Effective Date, earlier described at  
16            Paragraph 7, shall be the date of final approval if no objections are filed to the settlement. If  
17            objections are filed and overruled, and no appeal is taken of the final approval order, then the  
18            Effective Date of final approval shall be Fifteen (15) days after the Court enters final approval.  
19            If an appeal is taken from the Court's overruling of objections to the settlement, then the  
20            Effective Date of final approval shall be Fifteen (15) days after the appeal is withdrawn or after  
21            an appellate decision affirming the final approval decision becomes final. If the Effective Date  
22            of final approval eventually occurs, then the interest earned on the Settlement Fund, if any, will  
23            be included in the Net Fund Value (defined below). If final approval is denied, or final approval  
24            is reversed on appeal, then Defendants are entitled to prompt return of the Settlement Fund and  
25            all interest accrued.

26        28. This settlement provides for a claims process requiring Defendants to make a  
27            Settlement Fund payment of \$1,000,000 as set forth in Paragraph 27 that shall be referred to as a  
28            Gross Fund Value ("GFV"), which shall represent all payments Defendants shall make toward

1 the settlement of this action (except that Defendants shall also be responsible for the employer  
2 share of payroll taxes), and this GFV shall be used to cover all payments of class claims,  
3 attorney's fees and costs, and the Class Representative enhancement award.

4       29. After determination of the final GFV, the Net Fund Value ("NFV") will constitute  
5 the total sum from which the Settlement Class will be paid after Court-approved attorneys' fees  
6 and costs, and the Class Representative enhancement award described herein are subtracted from  
7 the GFV.

8       30. In consideration of the mutual covenants, promises, and warranties set forth  
9 herein, the Parties agree, subject to the Court's approval, as follows:

10       a. Payments to Settlement Class Members: In consideration for settlement  
11 and a release of all claims of the Settlement Class against Defendants,  
12 Defendants agree to pay to each member of the Settlement Class who was  
13 employed by Defendants within the applicable Claim Periods (see  
14 Paragraph 5) a pro-rata share of the NFV. The pro rata share of the NFV  
15 shall be calculated as follows:

16           (i) For those state subclass members working in California,  
17 Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Maine, Massachusetts, Nevada,  
18 and Oregon, relying on the time each employee entered into  
19 Goodman Networks' timekeeping system, each employee will  
20 receive one "Meal and Rest Period Point" for each workweek  
21 between April 8, 2004 and April 8, 2005 that the employee  
22 recorded any direct time. Class Counsel have assessed that these  
23 states have meal and rest period laws that provide more penalties  
24 to employees who miss meal and rest periods.

25           (ii) Relying on the time each employee entered into Goodman  
26 Networks' timekeeping system, each employee will receive one  
27 "Overtime and Unpaid Time Point" for each workweek that the

employee recorded any direct time during the applicable Claim Period.

- (iii) Each Settlement Class member's Total Points shall be the sum of their Meal and Rest Period Points, if applicable, and Overtime and Unpaid Time Points.
- (iv) Each Settlement Class member who submits a Claim Form shall receive a pro rata share of the NFV equal to the Settlement Class member's Total Points divided by the aggregate Total Points of all Settlement Class members who file qualified claims, multiplied by the NFV.
- (v) Settlement Class Members who do not timely submit a blue Consent to Join the FLSA claim form will have their pro-rata share of the NFV reduced by ten percent (10%). This 10% remainder will be distributed evenly to all Settlement Class members who submit blue Consent to Join forms.

b. Attorneys' Fees and Costs: Class Counsel will apply to the Court for attorneys' fees and costs to be paid from the Settlement Fund. Defendants will not oppose or comment on that application. The Settlement Administrator shall make separate payments, as directed, to the law firms of Class Counsel and shall issue to each firm an IRS Form 1099 for those payments. Prior to making those payments, the Settlement Administrator shall withhold from the payment any income taxes it is required by law to withhold and, by the applicable legal deadline, shall remit those withholdings to the appropriate tax authorities.

c. Class Representative Enhancement Awards: Class Counsel also may apply to the Court for additional compensation (above awards to Settlement Class members) to the Class Representative for his participation in the Wage Action. Defendants will not oppose or comment

1                   on that application. The Settlement Administrator shall issue to the Class  
2                   Representative an IRS Form 1099 for this payment. Prior to making this  
3                   payment, the Settlement Administrator shall withhold from the payment  
4                   any income taxes it is required by law to withhold and, by the applicable  
5                   legal deadline, shall remit those withholdings to the appropriate tax  
6                   authorities.

7                   d. Costs of Settlement Administrator: The Parties have selected Gilardi &  
8                   Co. to act as Settlement Administrator in this Wage Action. Gilardi & Co.  
9                   has agreed to perform all necessary Settlement Class administration duties  
10                  for a fee not to exceed \$50,000.

11                  e. Tax Treatment of Claim Share Portion of Settlement Payments: Of the  
12                  amount to be paid to Settlement Class, 30% is allocated to wages, 60% is  
13                  allocated to penalties or liquidated damages, and 10% to interest. Separate  
14                  from its payment to the GFV, Defendants shall be responsible for paying  
15                  the employer's share of payroll taxes on any portion of the settlement  
16                  where payroll taxes are required by law. The Settlement Administrator  
17                  will be responsible for all required withholdings. Each Settlement Class  
18                  member will receive an IRS Form W-2 from the Settlement Administrator  
19                  for his or her portion of the amount treated as wages and will be  
20                  responsible for correctly characterizing this compensation for tax purposes  
21                  and for payment of any taxes owing on said amount. Each Settlement  
22                  Class member will receive an IRS Form 1099 from the Settlement  
23                  Administrator for his or her portion of the amount treated as penalties and  
24                  will be responsible for correctly characterizing this compensation for tax  
25                  purposes and for payment of any taxes owing on said amount. In the  
26                  event of an audit of Defendants by any state or federal government  
27                  agency, or if any tax authority should dispute the characterization of this  
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1 compensation, Defendants reserve all rights to indemnification permitted  
2 by law.

3 f. Tax Treatment of Class Representative Enhancement Award: Plaintiff  
4 will receive an IRS Form 1099 for his individual enhancement award, and  
5 will be responsible for correctly characterizing this additional  
6 compensation for tax purposes and for payment of any taxes owing on said  
7 amount. In the event of an audit of Defendants by any state or federal  
8 government agency, or if any tax authority should dispute the  
9 characterization of this compensation, Defendants reserve all rights to  
10 indemnification permitted by law.

11 g. Other than the amount of Goodman Networks' liability for any payroll  
12 taxes due as a result of wage payments from the Settlement Fund,  
13 Defendants shall not be liable to pay additional money or contribute any  
14 additional funds for taxes that result from the settlement payments under  
15 this Agreement. All Parties represent that they have not received, and  
16 shall not rely on, advice or representations from other Parties or their  
17 agents regarding the tax treatment of payments under federal, state, or  
18 local law.

19 h. Settlement Payout Timetable: Pursuant to the timetable set forth in  
20 Paragraph 27, the Settlement Administrator will pay all claims, and Court-  
21 approved attorney's fees, costs, and the Class Representative enhancement  
22 award. No money will be distributed unless and until the Effective Date  
23 of final approval occurs.

24 **NOTICE TO THE SETTLEMENT CLASS ("NOTICE PROVISION")**

25 31. Within Fifteen (15) days of the entering of an order granting preliminary approval  
26 of the settlement and Class Notice (defined below), Defendants will provide to the Settlement  
27 Administrator all of the following information about each Settlement Class member: (1) name,  
28 (2) last known home address, (3) Social Security number, (4) hire and termination dates, (5) state

1 in which the work was performed, (6) Meal and Rest Period Points, and (7) Overtime and  
2 Unpaid Time Points.

3       32. Within Thirty (30) days after the Court enters an order granting preliminary  
4 approval of the settlement and the Class Notice (defined below), and subject to the approval of  
5 the Court, the Settlement Administrator will mail a Notice of Proposed Settlement of Class  
6 Action Lawsuit, Certification of the FLSA Action, Certification of the State Law Overtime  
7 Classes, and Settlement Hearing (“Class Notice”) in the form attached hereto as Exhibit “A” to  
8 each Settlement Class member, by first class mail. Attached to the Notice will be a green Claim  
9 Form, a blue Consent to Join form, and Instructions in the form attached as Exhibit B. The Class  
10 Notice will inform the Settlement Class of the right to object to the settlement, and the procedure  
11 by which to object or opt-out. The Settlement Administrator will include with the Notice a blank  
12 IRS Form W-9.

13       33. Prior to mailing the Class Notice, the Settlement Administrator will update the  
14 addresses for the Settlement Class members using the National Change of Address database.  
15 Any returned envelopes from the initial mailing with forwarding addresses will be used by the  
16 Settlement Administrator to locate missing Settlement Class members. The Settlement  
17 Administrator will use all appropriate tracing methods to ensure that the Class Notice is received  
18 by all Settlement Class members.

19       34. At least fourteen (14) days prior to the final approval and fairness hearing, Class  
20 Counsel shall provide the Court a declaration by the Settlement Administrator of due diligence  
21 and proof of mailing of the Class Notice. In addition, any further briefs or supporting papers  
22 relating to the final approval and fairness hearing, including Class Counsel’s request for  
23 attorneys’ fees and expenses and an enhancement award for the Class Representative must be  
24 submitted at least fourteen (14) days prior to the hearing.

25       35. Exclusion or Opt-Out. Settlement Class members may opt out of, or exclude  
26 themselves from, the Settlement Class under Federal Rule Civil Procedure 23 by mailing to the  
27 Settlement Administrator a written statement expressing their desire to be excluded from the  
28 class. The statement must include their name (and former name), current address, telephone

1 number, social security number, and the dates of employment with Goodman Networks. Any  
 2 such written exclusion must be post-marked not more than Thirty Five (35) calendar days after  
 3 the date Class Notice is mailed to the Settlement Class. Written exclusions that do not include  
 4 all required information, or that are not submitted on a timely basis, will be deemed null, void,  
 5 and ineffective. Persons who are eligible to and do submit valid and timely exclusion statements  
 6 not participate in the settlement, nor will they be bound by the terms of the proposed settlement,  
 7 if it is approved, or the final judgment in this Wage Action. Any Settlement Class member who  
 8 fails to exclude him/herself from the settlement will be deemed a participant whose rights and  
 9 claims are determined by the terms of this Agreement, including the release provisions of  
 10 Paragraph 47, as approved or modified by the Court. Settlement Class members shall be  
 11 permitted to rescind their exclusion statements in writing by submitting a rescission statement to  
 12 Class Counsel and Defendants' Counsel not later than one (1) business day prior to the Court's  
 13 final approval hearing or as otherwise ordered by the Court.

14       36.     Opt-In. Pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 216(b), Settlement Class members may join the  
 15 Wage Action alleging violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act ("FLSA") by mailing to the  
 16 Settlement Administrator a signed Consent to Join Form. The Consent to Join Form must be  
 17 post-marked not more than Forty Five (45) calendar days after the date Class Notice is mailed to  
 18 the Settlement Class. Settlement Class members who submit valid and timely Consent to Join  
 19 Forms will become plaintiffs, and designate Charles Adams as their representative to make  
 20 decisions on their behalf concerning their FLSA claims. Any Settlement Class member who  
 21 fails to exclude him/herself from the settlement pursuant to Paragraph 35 will be deemed a  
 22 participant whose rights and claims are determined by the terms of this Agreement, including the  
 23 release provisions of Paragraph 47, as approved or modified by the Court, even if he or she does  
 24 not opt in to the FLSA class.

25       37.     Resolution of Claim Disputes. The Claim Form will apprise the Settlement Class  
 26 of examples of amounts members in various situations could receive if 100% of the Settlement  
 27 Class participates in the settlement and opt-in under the FLSA, and according to Goodman  
 28 Networks' records, (1) the workweeks employed in the relevant Claim Period, (2) workweeks

1 employed in California, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Maine, Massachusetts, Nevada, and  
 2 Oregon, (3) Meal and Rest Period Points (if applicable), (4) Overtime and Unpaid Time Points,  
 3 and (5) Total Points for each Settlement Class member. A “Qualified Claimant” is an individual  
 4 in the Settlement Class who timely submits a Claim Form signed under the penalty of perjury. If  
 5 a Qualified Claimant disputes Defendants’ records (on a Claim Form) as to the dates he or she  
 6 worked as a Settlement Class member, or the applicable points, the Settlement Administrator  
 7 will examine Goodman Networks’ timekeeping records in an attempt to resolve the dispute. In  
 8 making this decision, the time entered into Goodman Networks’ timekeeping system is  
 9 dispositive as to time worked by a Settlement Class member; no claimant may increase the size  
 10 of his or her claim by arguing the time he or she worked is greater than that recorded by  
 11 Goodman Networks’ timekeeping system. In any event, the Settlement Administrator must  
 12 resolve any such disputes prior to final approval of this settlement. The Settlement  
 13 Administrator’s determination is final and binding without a right of appeal. Settlement Class  
 14 members must submit a written, signed challenge and their Claim Form to the Settlement  
 15 Administrator within Fifteen (15) calendar days of the date the Claim Form was mailed to the  
 16 Settlement Class member. No dispute will be timely if postmarked more than Fifteen (15)  
 17 calendar days after the date the Claim Form was mailed to the Settlement Class.

18       38.     Right to Rescission. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement,  
 19 Defendants shall retain the right, in the exercise of their sole discretion, to nullify the settlement  
 20 by giving notice, in writing, to Class Counsel and the Court at any time prior to the final  
 21 approval hearing, if forty (40) or more Settlement Class members exclude themselves or opt-out  
 22 of the settlement. The number of Settlement Class members opting-in to the FLSA collective  
 23 action is not determinative. In the event of such a rescission, no party may use the fact that the  
 24 Parties agreed to settle this case as evidence of Defendants’ liability in this lawsuit or the lack  
 25 thereof.

26       39.     Objections. Settlement Class members who wish to object to this settlement must  
 27 do so in writing or appear in person at the final approval and fairness hearing. Those who wish  
 28 to object in writing must state the basis of the objection and mail the objection to Class Counsel

1 and Defendants' Counsel postmarked on or before Thirty-Five (35) calendar days after the date  
 2 Class Notice and Claims Forms are mailed to the Settlement Class. Settlement Class members  
 3 shall be permitted to withdraw their objections in writing by submitting a withdrawal statement  
 4 to Class Counsel and Defendants' Counsel not later than one (1) business day prior to the Court's  
 5 final approval hearing, or otherwise ordered by the Court.

#### **DUTIES OF SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATOR**

7       40. The Parties have agreed to the appointment of Gilardi & Co. to perform the duties  
 8 of Settlement Administrator for the purpose of issuing Claims Forms, independently reviewing  
 9 the Claim Forms and documentation associated with the number of work weeks Settlement Class  
 10 members worked in the relevant Class Periods, and for the purpose of verifying any amounts due  
 11 to Qualified Claimants as described in the Agreement. This administration duty will include  
 12 without limitation, mailing notices, claim forms, and the calculation, processing, and mailing of  
 13 all class member settlement checks and tax forms (including W-2s and 1099s) to the Settlement  
 14 Class and tax authorities. The Settlement Administrator will report, in summary or narrative  
 15 form, the substance of its findings. The Settlement Administrator will be granted reasonable  
 16 access to Goodman Networks' records to perform its duties. All disputes relating to the  
 17 Settlement Administrator's ability and need to perform its duties will be referred to Mediator  
 18 Bates, if necessary.

#### **CLAIM PROCESS**

19       41. Settlement Class members will be permitted no more than Forty Five (45)  
 20 calendar days from the date the Notices are mailed by the Settlement Administrator to postmark  
 21 Claim Forms and properly completed IRS Form W-9s.

22       42. Within Seven (7) calendar days of receipt by the Settlement Administrator of each  
 23 timely-submitted Claim Form, the Settlement Administrator will send a deficiency notice to a  
 24 Settlement Class member if there is any irregularity in the completed Claim Form. The  
 25 deficiency notice will provide the Class Members no more than Fifteen (15) calendar days from  
 26 the mailing of the deficiency notice to postmark the response to any deficiencies in writing. The  
 27 failure of a Class Member to execute a Claim Form under penalty of perjury, timely submit a  
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1 claim form, or timely submit a response to any deficiency notice shall invalidate a claim and will  
 2 not be considered a deficiency subject to cure.

3       43. All original Claim Forms must be sent directly to the Settlement Administrator at  
 4 the address indicated on the Claim Form. The Defendants are providing the Settlement  
 5 Administrator a spreadsheet containing each Settlement Class member's Meal and Rest Period  
 6 Points, if applicable, and Overtime and Unpaid Time Points that will automatically recalculate  
 7 each Settlement Class member's share of the NFV based upon which Settlement Class members  
 8 submit qualified claims. Using this spreadsheet, the Settlement Administrator will review the  
 9 Claim Forms and make any calculations of payments to be distributed as described above. The  
 10 Settlement Administrator will certify jointly to Class and Defendants' Counsel which claims  
 11 were timely filed. The Settlement Administrator will be responsible for issuing the payments  
 12 and calculating and withholding all required state and federal taxes, and for communicating this  
 13 information to Defendants. Upon completion of its calculation of payments, the Settlement  
 14 Administrator will provide the Parties with a report listing the amount of all payments to be  
 15 made to each Qualified Claimant. Proof of payment will be filed with the Court and provided to  
 16 the Parties' counsel.

17       44. Settlement Class members will have Ninety (90) calendar days after mailing by  
 18 the Settlement Administrator to cash their settlement payments. If Settlement Class members do  
 19 not cash their settlement payment checks within the 90 day period, their settlement checks will  
 20 be void and a stop-pay will be placed. In such event, those Settlement Class members will be  
 21 deemed to have waived irrevocably any right in or claim to a settlement share, but this  
 22 Agreement nevertheless will be binding upon them. The amount remaining unpaid as a result of  
 23 Settlement Class members' failing to cash their settlement checks will be returned to Defendants  
 24 along with any interest accrued thereon.

25       45. Upon completion of its calculation of payments, and at least Fourteen (14)  
 26 calendar days prior the final approval hearing, the Settlement Administrator will provide Class  
 27 and Defendants' Counsel with a report listing the amount of all payments to be made to the Class  
 28 Representative and Qualified Claimants from the NFV. The Settlement Administrator also will

1 supply Defendants' counsel with an updated address list for the Qualified Claimants, reflecting  
2 any updates discovered over the course of administering notice to the Settlement Class and  
3 receipt of any challenges and written objection and exclusion statements.

4       46. The Settlement Administrator, at Defendants' request, will print settlement checks  
5 so that endorsement of the check requires payees to acknowledge a short form release as a  
6 condition of payment. Defendants must submit any such statement to Class Counsel for review  
7 and approval at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the required mailing date for check  
8 distribution. If the parties cannot agree on the text and/or format of the short form release within  
9 seven days, the dispute will be submitted to Mediator Bates for binding non-reviewable  
10 determination.

## **RELEASE BY THE CLASS**

12       47. Upon the final approval by the Court of this Agreement, and except as to such  
13 rights or claims as may be created by this Agreement, the Class Representative and the  
14 Settlement Class fully release and discharge Defendants and any and all of their parents,  
15 subsidiaries and affiliated entities and their respective officers, directors, shareholders,  
16 employees, agents, attorneys, insurers, successors and assigns from any and all individual or  
17 class and collective action claims, debts, liabilities, demands, obligations, guarantees, costs,  
18 expenses, attorneys' fees, damages, liquidated damages, interest, penalties, actions, or causes of  
19 action whatever kind or nature, whether known or unknown, contingent or non-contingent, that  
20 were alleged or could have been alleged in the Wage Action on or before the end of the relevant  
21 Class Period, including but not limited to all claims related to unpaid wages, unpaid overtime,  
22 missed meal and rest periods, unpaid travel time, unpaid waiting time and unrecorded time, wage  
23 records and record keeping, waiting time penalties, unfair competition, fraud, concealment,  
24 interest and other civil penalties, under the Fair Labor Standards Act and all other federal wage  
25 and hour laws and regulations, California Business and Professions Code section 17200 *et seq.*,  
26 state and local wage and hour laws, regulations, orders and common law in Alabama, Arkansas,  
27 California (including but not limited to the Labor Code and IWC Wage Orders), Colorado,  
28 Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky,

1 Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska,  
 2 Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania,  
 3 Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia and  
 4 Wisconsin, and in the District of Columbia, resulting from employment as a NOC Engineer,  
 5 Installer 1, Installer 2, Installer 3, Installer 4, Driver, Drive Tester, Cell Tech, Cell Tech 2,  
 6 Engineer, Field Engineer, Field Service Engineer, FSE, FSE 1, FSE 2, FSE 3, FSE 4, FSE 4A,  
 7 4A, Tester, Lead Installer, Switch Engineer, Switch Technician, and Technician during the  
 8 relevant Class Period. This release excludes any claims the Class Representative and the  
 9 Settlement Class may have (a) for vested benefits pursuant to the terms of either of Defendants'  
 10 employee benefit plans, in accordance with the terms of such plans and applicable law; and  
 11 (b) under the California Workers' Compensation and Insurance Act. This release will have *res*  
 12 *judicata, collateral estoppel*, claim preclusive, and/or issue preclusive effect as to all claims  
 13 made by or on behalf of any Settlement Class member who has not submitted a valid exclusion  
 14 or opt-out letter, or that are made, attempted, threatened to be made, continue to be made, or that  
 15 could have been made at any time.

16       48. The Class Representative and Settlement Class waive all rights and benefits  
 17 afforded by California Civil Code § 1542 with respect to the claims released under Paragraph 47,  
 18 and do so understanding the significance of that waiver. Section 1542 provides:

19       A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or  
 20 suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release, which if  
      known by him or her must have materially affected his settlement with the debtor.  
 21 In order to achieve a full and complete release of Defendants of all claims arising from or related  
 22 to this Wage Action, the Class Representative and Settlement Class acknowledge that this  
 23 Agreement is meant to include in its effect all claims that were or could have been asserted in the  
 24 Wage Action on or before the end of the relevant Class Period, including claims that the Class  
 25 Representative and Settlement Class members do not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor  
 26 against Defendants.

27       49. Upon preliminary approval of the settlement, the Settlement Class shall be  
 28 enjoined from filing any actions, claims, complaints, or proceedings with the California

1 Department of Labor Standards Enforcement (DLSE), or from initiating similar wage and hour  
2 proceedings in other states, regarding the claims released in Paragraph 47. This settlement is  
3 conditioned upon the release by all Settlement Class members of any and all claims under  
4 California Labor Code § 2699, and upon covenants by all Settlement Class members that they  
5 will not participate in any actions, lawsuits, proceedings, complaints, or charges brought by the  
6 DLSE or other state wage and hour administrative body in any court or before any administrative  
7 body for penalties.

## **DUTIES OF THE PARTIES PRIOR TO COURT APPROVAL**

9       50. The Parties shall promptly submit this Agreement to the Court in support of a  
10 request for preliminary approval and determination as to its fairness, adequacy, and  
11 reasonableness. Promptly upon execution of this Agreement, the Parties shall apply to the Court  
12 for the entry of a preliminary order substantially in the following form:

- a. Scheduling a preliminary fairness hearing on the question of whether the proposed settlement, including payment of attorneys' fees and costs, and the Class Representative's enhancement award, should be finally approved as fair, reasonable and adequate as to the members of the Settlement Class;
- b. Certifying a settlement class for all claims;
- c. Preliminarily and conditionally certifying the Settlement Class for purposes of settlement;
- d. Approving as to form and content the proposed Class Notice, Claim Form, Instructions, and Consent to Join;
- e. Directing the mailing of the Class Notice, Claim Form, Instructions, Consent to Join, and blank W-9 Form by first class mail to the Class Members;
- f. Preliminarily approving the settlement subject only to the objections of Settlement Class members and final review by the Court;

g. Preliminarily approving costs of administration payable to Gilardi & Co. in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

## **DUTIES OF THE PARTIES FOLLOWING FINAL APPROVAL**

51. Following final approval of the settlement provided for in this Agreement, the Parties will submit a proposed final order:

- a. Approving the Settlement, adjudging the terms thereof to be fair, reasonable and adequate, and directing consummation of its terms and provisions;
- b. Approving Class Counsel's application for an award of attorneys' fees and reimbursement of costs;
- c. Approving the enhancement award to Plaintiff;
- d. Dismissing this action on the merits and with prejudice and permanently barring all members of the Settlement Class from prosecuting against Defendants and the Releasees, any individual or class claims that were or could have been asserted in the Wage Action, including without limitation any claims arising out of the acts, facts, transactions, occurrences, representations, or omissions set forth in the complaint in this action; and, through the date of the final approval of this Settlement upon satisfaction of all payments and obligations hereunder.

## PARTIES' AUTHORITY

52. The signatories represent they are fully authorized to enter into this Agreement and bind the Parties to the terms and conditions hereof.

## **MUTUAL FULL COOPERATION**

53. The Parties agree to fully cooperate with each other to accomplish the terms of this Agreement, including but not limited to, execution of such documents and to take such other action as may reasonably be necessary to implement the terms of this Agreement. The Parties shall use their best efforts, including all efforts contemplated by this Agreement and any other efforts that may become necessary by order of the Court, or otherwise, to effectuate this

1 Agreement and the terms set forth herein. As soon as practicable after execution of this  
 2 Agreement, Class Counsel shall, with the assistance and cooperation of Defendants and their  
 3 counsel, take all necessary steps to secure the Court's final approval of this Agreement.

4 **NO PRIOR ASSIGNMENTS**

5 54. The Parties represent, covenant, and warrant they have not directly or indirectly,  
 6 assigned, transferred, encumbered, or purported to assign, transfer, or encumber to any person or  
 7 entity any portion of any liability, claim, demand, action, cause of action or rights released and  
 8 discharged herein.

9 **NO ADMISSION AND NO PUBLICITY**

10 55. Nothing contained herein, nor the consummation of this Agreement, is to be  
 11 construed or deemed an admission of liability, culpability, negligence, or wrongdoing on the part  
 12 of Defendants. Each party has entered into this Agreement with the intention to avoid further  
 13 disputes and litigation with the attendant inconvenience and expenses. This Agreement is a  
 14 settlement document and shall, pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence 408 and California  
 15 Evidence Code § 1152, be inadmissible in evidence in any proceeding. The preceding sentence  
 16 shall not apply to an action or proceeding to approve, interpret, or enforce this Agreement.

17 56. The Class Representative, Class Counsel, Defendants, and Defendants' Counsel  
 18 agree they will not issue or cause to be issued any press release or communication, and will not  
 19 otherwise communicate to any media or media representative, information regarding the Wage  
 20 Action, the claims asserted therein, the settlement of the Wage Action and/or this Agreement or  
 21 the amount of money paid to resolve the Wage Action. Provided however, that this paragraph  
 22 does not preclude Class Counsel from informing Settlement Class members about this settlement  
 23 through their firm websites. If contacted by the press or other forms of media, the Parties and  
 24 their counsel will state that the matter has been resolved to the satisfaction of all Parties, who  
 25 believe that the settlement reflects a reasonable resolution that will avoid needless expense and  
 26 the inconvenience of further litigation. Notwithstanding the terms of this paragraph, Goodman  
 27 Networks shall be free to make whatever disclosures it deems necessary and appropriate to its  
 28 officers, managers, or employees, provided those disclosures are truthful.

## CAPTIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS

57. Paragraph titles or captions contained herein are inserted as a matter of convenience and for reference, and in no way define, limit, extend, or describe the scope of this Agreement or any provision hereof. Each term of this Agreement is contractual and not merely a recital.

58. The Parties agree the terms and conditions of this Agreement are the result of lengthy, intensive arms-length negotiations between the Parties supervised by an experienced employment law mediator, and this Agreement shall not be construed in favor of or against any Party by reason of the extent to which any Party or his, her or its counsel participated in the drafting of this Agreement.

## MODIFICATION

59. This Agreement may not be changed, altered, or modified, except in writing and signed by the Parties, and approved by the Court. This Agreement may not be discharged except by performance in accordance with its terms or by a writing signed by the Parties.

## **INTEGRATION CLAUSE**

60. This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the Parties relating to the settlement and transaction contemplated hereby, and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, representations, and statements, whether oral or written and whether by a party or such party's legal counsel, are merged herein. No rights hereunder may be waived except in writing.

## **BINDING ON ASSIGNS**

61. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective heirs, trustees, executors, administrators, successors and assigns.

## **CLASS COUNSEL SIGNATORIES**

62. It is agreed that because the large number of Settlement Class members, it is impossible or impractical to have each Settlement Class member execute this Agreement. The Notice, Exhibit "A" hereto, will advise all Settlement Class members of the binding nature of the

1 release and such shall have the same force and effect as if this Agreement were executed by each  
 2 member of the Settlement Class.

3 **VOIDING THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

4 63. In the event that 40 or more Settlement Class members elect to opt out of or  
 5 exclude themselves from the settlement and do not timely rescind their exclusion or opt out  
 6 letters, Defendants, at their sole and absolute discretion, may void this Agreement. The number  
 7 of Settlement Class members opting-in to the FLSA collective action is not determinative.  
 8 Defendants may exercise their option to void this settlement by giving notice, in writing, to Class  
 9 Counsel and the Court at any time prior to the final approval hearing.

10 **NOTICES**

11 64. Unless otherwise specifically provided herein, all notices, demands or other  
 12 communications given hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly  
 13 given as of the Third (3) business day after mailing by United States registered or certified mail,  
 14 return receipt requested, addressed as follows:

<p>16 To Class Counsel:</p> <p>17 Jared E. Peterson    LAW OFFICES OF JARED    E. PETERSON    2017 Lincoln Street    Berkeley, California 94709</p>	<p>16 James B. Nebel    FLYNN, DELICH &amp;    WISE LLP    One California Street,    Suite 350    San Francisco, California    94111</p>
<p>21 To Defense Counsel:</p> <p>22 William J. Dritsas    Laura J. Maechtlen    Seyfarth Shaw LLP    560 Mission Street, Suite    3100    San Francisco, CA 94105</p>	<p>21 Anthony J. Rao    Seyfarth Shaw LLP    1270 Avenue of the    Americas, Suite 2500    New York, NY, 10020</p>

## **CHOICE OF LAW**

65. All questions with respect to the construction of this Agreement and the rights and liabilities of the Parties shall be governed by federal law and/or the applicable state law in which the Settlement Class member worked.

## **INCORPORATION OF EXHIBITS**

66. All exhibits attached hereto are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

## **VOLUNTARY AND KNOWING AGREEMENT**

67. Each of the Parties covenants that he, she or it has not entered into this Agreement as a result of any representation, agreement, inducement, or coercion, except to the extent specifically provided herein. Each of the Parties further covenants that the consideration recited herein is the only consideration for entering into this Agreement and that no promises or representations of another or further consideration has been made by any person.

COUNTERPARTS

68. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, and when each party has signed and delivered at least one such counterpart, each counterpart shall be deemed an original, and,

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